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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

February 10, 2005

In re the Application of

Hiroto SUGANO et al.

Group Art Unit: 3722

Application No.: 10/678,217

Examiner: A. Abdelwahed

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Docket No.: 117450

For: TAP HAVING THREADED PORTION COATED WITH DIAMOND-LIKE CARBON COATING

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired January 19, 2005, an extension of time for a period of 1 month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 163474 in the amount of \$120 in payment for:

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